



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Yet another busy week in school.

Our Year 11 students visited the Derngate Theatre in Northampton for the annual Poetry Live event—a vibrant and creative learning experience designed to bring GCSE English Literature poetry to life. Students had the opportunity to hear directly from several celebrated poets, including a poet who has become a well-known personality on TikTok.

The performers not only shared their work but also offered valuable insights into how to approach exam questions effectively. This unique opportunity allowed students to deepen their understanding of the anthology poems while gaining tips that will support them in their upcoming examinations.

To further support our Year 11 cohort, students recently took part in Walking Talking Mocks for English. Teachers guided them step by step through a full examination paper, explaining how to interpret questions, structure answers, and manage their time.

Students then completed a past paper independently, putting this guided practice into action. We were delighted to hear extremely positive feedback—with many students expressing how much more confident and prepared they now feel ahead of their real mock exams in the coming weeks.

A reminder that mock exams begin on 2nd March. We strongly encourage all Year 10 and Year 11 students to use the half-term break to complete structured revision tasks to ensure they are fully ready.

Please be aware of an email sent recently by Mrs Goulborn, our Lead First Aider, regarding strengthened procedures around food allergies within school. It is essential that all families read and follow the updated guidance—as safeguarding the health and wellbeing of all students remains our priority.

Students across the school showed fantastic creativity and generosity by baking a variety of cakes and cookies to support the Year 11 Prom Committee. The bake sale, held at break time, was a tremendous success, with every item sold out!

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought, or supported the event. Your contributions are helping make the Year 11 Prom a memorable occasion for our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful half term break.

Warm regards

Pete Leatherland—Principal





Donations for the Jubilee-Foodbank

Written by Cecilia

This February and March we are asking for donations to the Jubilee Foodbank. Anything that you can donate would be deeply appreciated. The Jubilee Foodbank is an incredible charity that was set up to help people in their time of need by giving food to people in poverty.

We are asking students and staff to bring in canned goods, toiletries or anything they can spare. We are will be collecting from February 23rd up until 16th of March. Donations can either be dropped at the front office or students can take them to their form rooms.

It's essential to help these organisations that do so much phenomenal work. Just giving one can or bag of pasta that you had lying around can mean a world of difference for people who are struggling. People can feel so lost and having foodbanks like Jubilee can save them a night of hunger and put a smile on their face. The smallest actions really can make a huge difference and if everyone in the school donated one thing we could provide meals for hundreds of people.

How it began: In 2012 a few members of the Market Harborough Congregational Church set out to help the hungry with nothing but compassionate hearts, and now it's able to help thousands of people. In 2020 they provided 30,000 meals and helped 400 households and in 2022 they provided over 23,000 meals. The Jubilee foodbank is a non profit organisation that relies on the generosity of local residents and businesses to give donations so it's vital that anyone that can help do so. The Jubilee foodbank has a website for anyone to visit to learn more, sign up to volunteer or get help if you want to contact them. You can email them at jubileefoodbankmh@gmail.com. There is also an app called Bank the Food that sets reminders and gives updates about donating to foodbanks.

We know that not everyone is in a position to donate but please spread the word about the collection we are running. Thank you in advance and we hope to see lots of donations!

JUBILEE
FOODBANK



To celebrate World Book Day, there will be a big book swap in the Library at break and lunch....

If you donate some of your old books, you will be given tokens...

Bring your books to the Library between 23rd February and 5th March



Books are 20p each or free with a token!

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STUDENT USE OF PHONES IN SCHOOL

This is a reminder that students may currently only use their mobile phones in school when permission has been given by a member of staff.

Recently, we have seen an increase in students contacting home directly when they feel unwell, rather than reporting to the front office. We kindly ask that all students present to the front office first so they can be assessed and supported before any contact is made with parents or carers.

Our trained first aiders are based in the front office and can ensure that any student who feels unwell is kept safe, comfortable, and properly monitored.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all students safe and well cared for during the school day.



EARLY MORNING FOOD AND DRINK PROVISION

VENUE: DINING HALL

REMEMBER—OUR EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST PROVISION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

ALL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS ARE £1 INCLUDING TOAST, CRUMPETS, CEREAL, PORRIDGE AND BAGELS

HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA AND FRUIT JUICE ARE 50P

CATCH UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE SCHOOL OR COMPLETE REVISION WORK AND ENJOY A DRINK AND SOMETHING TO EAT AT THE SAME TIME

A MINIMUM SPEND OF 50P MUST BE MADE

MUSIC LESSONS

After February half term, some of our fabulous peripatetic music teachers will have spaces for new students. Spaces are normally taken up very if your youngster wants to learn an instrument or perfect their singing skills, please contact Mrs Towers, Head of Performing Arts

towersc@wellandparkacademy.com



There are spaces for the following teachers -

Violin

Piano

Clarinet/Saxophone

Flute

Singing





| WEEK COMMENCING 23 RD FEBRUARY 2026 | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  |
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| MAIN # 1 | Beef Enchilada with Rice, salsa and salad | BBQ Mandarin Pork with beggars' noodles & sweet chilli slaw  | Chicken Roast of the Day | Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice and Naan bread  | Pork Sausages with chips and beans |
| MAIN # 2 | Vegetable Enchilada with Rice, salsa and salad | Hoisin Stir Fry with beggars' noodles & sweet chilli slaw | Roasted Vegetable Lattice | Mushroom & Spinach Rogan Josh with Rice and Naan Bread | Vegetarian Sausage with chips and beans |
| HANDHELD | Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day | Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day | Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day | Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day | Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day |
| BOWLED OVER | Loaded nachos | Pasta Kitchen (pesto or tomato & basil) | Curried Rice Bowls  | Noodle Street | Pasta Bowls (mac & cheese or tomato)  |
| BAKERY & PUDDINGS | Selection of cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies, flapjacks, hot puddings & custard | | | | |
| | SUPER SPUDS DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPINGS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM! | AVAILABLE EVERYDAY FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS & JELLY |  HEALTHY Menu | ALLERGIES PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY & NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE OUR FOOD DISHES. | |

POLITE REQUEST TO PARENTS

We would like to remind parents and carers of the procedures for students who require medication during the school day.

If your child is unwell or has a condition that means they may need over-the-counter medication—such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen—please ensure they come to school with their own supply. This should be dropped off at the Front Office, where it can be safely stored and administered if needed.

Please note that the school holds only a very limited supply of basic medication, restricted to a small stock of Paracetamol and Ibuprofen. We do not keep Calpol, cough medicines, or specific pain relief such as Feminax or Migralve. Supplying your child's own medication ensures we are able to support them promptly and appropriately.



If your child has a health condition requiring prescribed medication—including antibiotics, strong painkillers, asthma inhalers, Epipens, or insulin—these must be brought into school and accompanied by a completed Medication Form. This form provides essential guidance to our office staff on when and how the medication should be administered.

Please also be aware that students should not carry medication in their bags, unless this has been specifically agreed in advance with Mrs Goulborn, our Lead First Aider.



We are an amateur performing arts company based in Market Harborough, and we are excited to be putting on *High School Musical* in July 2026.

We are currently on the lookout for performers who may be interested in joining our production, particularly young adult males.

Do you want to take part???? Our audition workshop will be held on **1st March**, at **Woodcock Theatre Arts Studios** in Market Harborough, with auditions taking place the following **Sunday 8th March 2026**. The show dates are **25th–26th July 2026** at the Masque Theatre, Kettering.

Thank you so much in advance, and if anyone would like any further information, you can email us at RWTC.ltd@outlook.com or send us a DM on Instagram at [@rwthatreco](https://www.instagram.com/rwthatreco).